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My Dear Sister.

I have just returned from the west after being absent 2 months.

Amelia was taken sick soon after I left with the Typhoid fever. had been very sick but is now so she walks about the house. She would probably of gone home if she had been able. very doubtful about her going home now it being so late

we may go to the mines. Business is quite dull at present - I have been making some money but have been obliged to use it. my bills have been enormous Amelia Board

bill has been \$1.50 pr day for the past 8 <sup>or 9</sup> weeks. that I was obliged to pay in gold. besides all the Doctor bills

and medicine. also last fall when our ~~the~~ child was sick. I think if Amelia could go east she would get better I fear she never will here.

Thomas is here and well. talks of going

MSS WALKER T. NICHOLS

To the mines, I shall start in  
a few days west again to track.  
I have me a good team wagon  
and harness so I go when I please.  
How are all the friends, give my  
love to them all. Kiss Annie for me  
write soon yours with much love  
W. J. Nichols

Dear Sister.

Walker has written but I must  
say a few words to you. Oh Ann you don't  
know how I want to see you all I have been  
so sick been very near death but God in  
his wise providence has seen fit to spare  
my life. Oh it's hard to be sick among  
strangers with no friend near. I thought once  
I should soon lie beside my angel child  
my little one my precious lies up on the  
hill above Amanda her little body but  
she is in heaven Oh I am childless  
I stretch out my arms for her but  
can not hold her in my embrace  
Ann? I am or have been almost  
heart broken. I know my child is happy  
but Oh? how I did want to keep her  
but she has gone hence to be with me no  
more. God grant that I may live so that  
when I depart this life I shall go to her

Why dont Celestine write or has she  
forgotten my misery in her own happiness  
Oh that I could see her or all the rest of  
you our dear father or brother John & here  
side forgotten now shall I. he has seen  
Thomas was in to see me to day -  
said he thought of going to the mines  
people go now or back again in two months  
we think some of going this spring. may not  
I do not know when J. thinks of coming  
to day. he did think of coming in the Spring  
I presume he will in May perhaps. I will  
write what he says about it I have had  
no talk with him since he made up  
his mind to go to the Peaks. Love to all  
Miss Annie & to babe my little niece  
that I have never seen dont let  
write all.

Annaline S. Nichols